GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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FOREIGN POSTING OF SC/ST OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the DOPT order dated January 2, 1978, all the Ministries/Departments are directed to duly consider the candidates belonging to the SCs/STs while filling posts/assignments by way of deputation;

(b) if so, the total staff sent on deputation to man various posts/assignments belonging to Class I, II, III & IV category in various Indian Embassies and High Commissions in different countries;

(c) the total number of persons belonging to SCs/STs out of them;

(d) the percentage of such SC/ST persons as compared to the total staff in the above categories;

(e) whether persons belonging to the SC/ST categories have been given adequate representation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Under Department of Personnel & Training`s Office MemorandumNo.36012/7/77-Estt(Res.) dated 2.1.1978, it is required by all Ministries to consider appropriately the candidature of SC/ST candidates while filling posts/assignments on deputation.The Ministry of External Affairs strictly adheres to the directions of DOP&T as stipulated in the above Office Memorandum.

(b) & (c) The number of officials sent on deputation to man various posts/assignments belonging to Class I, II, III & IV categories in various Indian Missions/Posts in different countries is 59.Out of this, the total number of officials belonging to SCs/STs categories is 16.

(d),(e) & (f) Since these posts are isolated in nature and functionally different from each other, calculation of category-wise percentage may not give an overall picture. However, the percentage of SCs/STs out of the total posts mentioned above is 27.11%. In the process of selection, SC/ST categories are given due weightage.